CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I

	(Column 1)	(Column 2)
TOTAL CLAIMS	20	
FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA
TOTAL CHARGEABLE CLAIMS	20 minus 20=	0
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	1 minus 3 =	0
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT		☐

* If the difference in column 1 is less than zero, enter "0" in column 2

SMALL ENTITY TYPE ☐ OR OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY

SMALL ENTITY RATE	FEE		OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY RATE	FEE
BASIC FEE	355.00	OR	BASIC FEE	710.00
X$ 9=		OR	X$18=	
X40=		OR	X80=	
+135=		OR	+270=	
TOTAL		OR	TOTAL	710

CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II

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AMENDMENT A

	(Column 1) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(Column 2) HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(Column 3) PRESENT EXTRA
Total	22	Minus	20	=
Independent	3	Minus	1	=
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM				☐

SMALL ENTITY RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE		OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X$ 9=		OR	X$18=	
X40=		OR	X80=	
+135=		OR	+270=	
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE		OR	TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

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AMENDMENT B

	(Column 1) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(Column 2) HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(Column 3) PRESENT EXTRA
Total	21	Minus	22	=
Independent	3	Minus	3	=
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM				☐

SMALL ENTITY RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE		OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X$ 9=		OR	X$18=	
X40=		OR	X80=	
+135=		OR	+270=	
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE		OR	TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

AMENDMENT C

	(Column 1) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(Column 2) HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(Column 3) PRESENT EXTRA
Total		Minus		=
Independent		Minus		=
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM				☐

SMALL ENTITY RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE		OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X$ 9=		OR	X$18=	
X40=		OR	X80=	
+135=		OR	+270=	
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE		OR	TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

* If the entry in column 1 is less than the entry in column 2, write "0" in column 3.
** If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, enter "20."
*** If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 3, enter "3."
The "Highest Number Previously Paid For" (Total or Independent) is the highest number found in the appropriate box in column 1.

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Docket No.: ARUMI

In re PATENT Application of:)	
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JOSE GARCIA ARUMI ET AL)	Examiner: Jessica R. Baxter
)	
Appl. No.: 09/935,869)	Group Art Unit: 3731
)	
Filed: August 23, 2001)	
)	
For: MICRO SURGICAL INSTRUMENT)	

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
S I R:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114
of the above application.

1.   Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114

    a. [ ] Previously submitted

       i. [ ] Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116, previously filed on   .

       ii. [ ] Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on   .

       iii. [ ] Other

    b. [X] Enclosed

       i. [X] Amendment/reply.

       ii. [ ] Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

       iii. [ ] Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

       iv. [ ] Other

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2. Miscellaneous
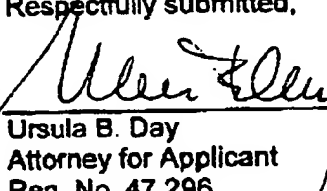
    a. [ ] Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103 (c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

    b. [ ] Other

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed.

    a. [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-1747.

      i. [X] RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)

      ii. [ ] Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)

      iii. [ ] Other: Fee

    b. [ ] Check in the amount of $ to cover the filing fee is enclosed.

    c. [ ] Payment by credit card (From PTO-2038 enclosed)

    d. [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-1747.

Respectfully submitted,

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